

The City of Clayton
Community Equity Commission
Virtual Zoom Meeting
January 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Laura Horwitz (Chair), Chris Schmiz, Yvonne Tisdell, Ben Uchitelle, Dr. Sean Doherty (ex officio), Ellen Gale (ex officio), Kenneth Murdoch (ex officio), JoAnna Schooler (ex officio), and Laurie Anzilotti (ex officio)

Additional: Alderwoman Joanne Boulton, Alderwoman Susan Buse, City Manager David Gipson, and Assistant to the City Manager Andrea Muskopf

Minutes

Ben Uchitelle moved to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes. Chris Schmiz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Debrief of December 10, 2020 Meeting

Members shared their thoughts and takeaways from the presentations from the previous meeting.

Reflection: Doctors for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Yvonne Tisdell led a reflection on Doctors Herman J. Giger and Martin Luther King Jr.

Presentation on St. Louis Housing Report Card by Cristina Garmendia

Annual Report

The Commission will be compiling an Annual Report. The Communications Subcommittee will work with staff to create a document for distribution.

Old Business

Public Comments from October 8 Meeting

There were no public comments during the December 10, 2020 meeting.

Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force (Task Force)

Laura Horwitz moved to appoint Chris Schmiz to serve on the Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force's work. Ben Uchitelle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Subcommittee Reports

Communications Subcommittee

Chris Schmiz provided an update on the survey to update the Mission Statement. To date, out of 60 responses 52 were in favor, 4 disagreed, and 4 were neutral. She also provided an overview of the 30 comments, which were overwhelmingly in favor.

Law Enforcement Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will give a more thorough report on Municipal Court at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Kathleen Gund shared her thoughts on the presentation and the City's decisions that impacted housing within Clayton. She suggested that the City could consider asking the developers to contribute to the solution. She also asked when the Equity Audit results will be available.

Eleanor Gund shared that it is difficult to find housing for young professionals to afford to live in Clayton and it is not diverse. She suggested that Clayton address affordable housing. She also suggested that the City of Clayton check to make sure that Clayton police or public employees participated in the insurrection at the Capitol.

Rick Bliss suggested that a committee be formed of people of color to address issues as to why people of color do not want to live in Clayton to achieve more diversity within the community.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11 at 5:30 pm.

Adjourn

Yvonne Tisdell moved to adjourn the meeting. Stuart Berkowitz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.